REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 13, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group 251, claims 117-122, drawn to a method for detecting an interaction between a bait and a prey, wherein the bait is the protein or nucleic acid encoding the protein as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 121 (protein) and SEQ ID NO: 251 (nucleic acid), with traverse.

Applicants note that SEQ ID NO: 121 (protein) and SEQ ID NO: 251 (nucleic acid) are fragments of SEQ ID NO: 120 (protein) and SEQ ID NO: 250 (nucleic acid). That is, SEQ ID NO: 120 and SEQ ID NO: 250 comprise SEQ ID NO: 121 and SEQ ID NO: 251, respectively. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that at least SEQ ID NO: 120 and SEQ ID NO: 250 should be examined together with the elected group.

Furthermore, herein enclosed are amendments to claims 113-116. Such claims have been amended to recite methods. Such amendments are supported by the specification as filed and no new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of such claims per MPEP Section 821:04, upon allowance of the elected claims.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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